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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

Compiled in the Statistics Division, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture.
Based on Statistics Published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and
the Canada Department of Agriculture

MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about August 1, 1954, they held 1,993.4 million bushels of wheat for export or carryover, about 23 per cent greater than the 1,620.4 million available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on-farm stocks, (with last years figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,201.0 (1,087.9); Canada, 587.5 (369.2); Australia, 121.3 (61.4); and Argentina, 83.6 (101.9). Exports of wheat and flour from the four major exporting countries from August, 1953 to July, 1954 (the Canadian crop year) totalled 639.8 million bushels, down 25.1 per cent from last seasons' shipments of 854.2 million bushels.

COARSE GRAINS:

Canadian supplies of oats and barley were high in the 1953-54 crop year and the carryover at July 31 was above average. The oats carryover is estimated at 123.8 million bushels compared to an average of 85.5 for the years 1943-44 to 1952-53. Comparable figures for barley are 144.3 and 46.0 million bushels.

Exports of oats, barley, rye and flax seed during 1953-54 amounted to 182.0 million bushels, exceeded only by the record exports of 196.8 million in 1952-53. Actually, however, only barley exports - down from 118.9 to 90.0 million bushels-declined. Oats exports increased from 65.4 to 70.7 million.

The official September 1 estimate of principal feed grain crops in the United States, in millions of bushels, with 1953 figures in brackets follow: corn, 2,973, (3,177); oats, 1,509 (1,216); and barley, 369 (241).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock between January 1 and September 18 (with comparable figures for 1953 in brackets) were: slaughter cattle 33,666 (18,013); feeder cattle, 6,969 (898); dairy and purebred cattle, 23,836 (30,371); calves, 3,646 (3,184); hogs, 12,909 (16,323); and sheep, 839 (1,061). Dressed meat exports, in pounds were: beef 16,667,104 (19,560,142); pork, 36,382,821 (41,188,388); and mutton and lamb 69,942 (40,084).

In the month of August, 1954, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 2,976,000 pounds compared to 2,939,000 pounds in August, 1953, an increase of 1.3 per cent.

POULTRY:

The number of eggs graded at registered stations in Alberta for the week ending September 18 were 5.4 per cent above gradings for the same week last year. Last month gradings were running 9 per cent below last year. The change reflects the higher number of pullets under 6 months of age on farms at June 1.

CROP PRODUCTION:

The second forecast of crop production in Alberta released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on September 15 showed estimated yields of principal crops at September 1 in millions of bushels as follows: wheat, 113; oats, 96; barley, 92; rye, 4.3; mixed grain, 4.2; flax seed, 2.3; and potatoes, 2.25. In most parts of the Province, however, crops were very late and subsequent frosts did extensive damage particularly in the case of oats and late barley. The reduction in yields owing to frost is not yet determined. The next estimate will be made as of October 15 and dated November 5 for release.

GRAIN MARKETINGS IN ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED.

CROP YEAR - August 1, 1953 to July 31, 1954
August 1, 1954 to July 31, 1955

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55	1953-54	1954-55
					- thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of August	5,969	36	3,645	2,346	2,348	6,463	269	14	42	17
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Farm Returns:										
Initial Payments	$ 1.14	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.73	0.73	0.86★	0.93★	2.72★	2.62★
Total per bushel to August 31	$ 1.14	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.73	0.73	0.86	0.93	2.72	2.62
					- thousands of dollars -					
Estimated Farm Returns	$ 6,805	41	1,786	1,150	1,714	4,718	231	13	114	44

Total cash returns to farmers for grain delivered in August 1954, are estimated at $5,966,000 compared with $10,650,000, received in August 1953. To date only initial payments have been paid to farmers on grain delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board during the crop year August 1, 1953 to July 31, 1954.

★ Based on average weekly Winnipeg closing market quotations.

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

AUGUST, 1954, and Eight Months Ending AUGUST 31, 1954, Compared to Corresponding Periods in 1953

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without bonus)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
				- dollars per hundred pounds -				
Month of August:								
Calgary	19.32	20.17	18.79	19.34	21.35	18.97	33.00	26.17
Edmonton	18.75	19.92	19.43	17.94	20.86	19.33	32.95	26.76
Lethbridge	18.57	19.90	19.67	17.32	19.50	18.08	32.75	25.99
January - August:								
Calgary	19.44	18.20	23.53	21.79	23.20	20.42	28.02	31.55
Edmonton	18.84	17.58	25.25	21.88	22.03	21.13	27.95	32.25
Lethbridge	18.72	17.97	22.28	19.16	21.89	20.18	27.73	31.34

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN
BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio[x]

1933-53	1953	July 1953	July 1954	Aug. 1954
21.5	22.2	23.6	21.8	21.0

Live Stock Price Relationships[x]

	1933-53	1953	July 1953	July 1954	Aug. 1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	84.7	73.0	85.4	96.8
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	92.8	97.5	99.5	94.0
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	74.9	85.8	103.1

[x] Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of Grade B_1 live hog at Edmonton prices, plus federal government premium.

[x] Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lbs. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS IN ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
				- number of head -				
Receipts at Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of August	38,302	37,948	7,651	8,011	7,313	6,168	77,047	76,935
January - August	285,452	337,310	48,972	57,272	61,956	70,890	931,280	888,614
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants:								
Month of August	5,059	6,869	449	622	362	710	-	-
January - August	30,035	38,960	4,476	4,117	2,027	2,118	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of August	33,243	31,079	7,202	7,389	6,951	5,458	77,047	76,935
January - August	255,417	298,350	44,496	53,155	59,929	68,772	931,280	888,614
Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of August	☆	2,259	☆	644	☆	222	☆	1,862
January - August	☆	20,755	☆	5,528	☆	1,247	☆	17,855
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of August	35,502	33,338	7,846	8,033	7,173	5,680	78,909	78,797
January - August	276,172	319,105	50,024	58,683	61,176	70,019	949,135	906,469
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of August	$ 5,502,810	4,767,334	376,608	369,518	129,114	90,880	4,024,359	3,151,880
January - August	$ 45,730,294	45,337,191	2,856,825	2,923,889	1,223,184	1,374,759	41,701,426	47,215,810

☆ Uninspected slaughterings for 1953 are not available. In calculating total net marketings and values it is assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings reported for 1954.
Estimated total income from net sales of live stock in 1954 with 1953 figures in brackets were: August $8,379,612 ($10,032,891) and for January to August inclusive $96,851,649 ($91,511,729).

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	JULY		JANUARY - JULY		JULY		JANUARY - JULY	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	3,590	3,560	14,990	14,993	1,996	1,983	8,534	8,628
Dairy Butter	9	9	55	44	5	3	31	23
Milk for Cheese Making	4,301	3,454	18,942	18,865	94	75	425	428
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream, and Fluid Cream[x]	15,341	15,841	85,268	81,280	398	410	2,343	2,232
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,165	17,038	112,726	119,276	729	769	5,099	5,396
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - - $					3,222	3,240	16,432	16,707

[x] Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Milk Basis.

	AUGUST		JANUARY-AUGUST		AUGUST		JANUARY-AUGUST	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousand dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	772	751	11,974	11,645	$ 333,795	237,364	4,359,380	3,467,687
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	614,336	523,428	2,230,000	2,325,000	$ 192,761	129,649	770,129	599,566
TOTAL VALUE EGGS and POULTRY					$ 526,556	367,013	5,129,509	4,067,253

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Aug.)	1954 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	20,595,266	18,287,323	- 11.21	2,413,410	2,457,545	1.83
	- Production	Barrels	2,350,816	1,890,505	- 19,58	236,081	257,552	9.09
		Value $.	22,635,404	18,100,947	- 20.03	2,409,060	2,462,809	2.23
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	21,962,298	22,106,630	.66	3,682,596	3,826,494	3.91
		Value $.	12,711,623	12,651,745	- .47	2,108,286	2,161,969	2.55
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,021,527	1,988,720	- 1.62	300,306	276,011	- 8.09
		Value $.	660,565	667,969	1.12	96,098	91,084	- 5.22
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	20,018,234	21,050,115	5.15	2,697,664	2,767,397	2.59
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	74,316,463	82,318,308	10.77	10,442,721	10,193,647	- 2.39
	- Production - Meat	Lbs.	183,501,329	197,621,346	7.69	20,362,721	22,501,868	10.51
		Value $	54,670,309	60,655,497	10.95	6,283,527	6,115,404	- 2.58
	- Exports - Meat	Lbs.	94,419,475	98,131,816	3.93	11,927,713	12,845,498	7.69
		Value $.	28,292,618	29,969,094	5.93	3,680,892	3,491,406	- 5.15

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

			1 9 5 3 (Jan. - Aug.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1 9 5 3 (August)	1 9 5 4 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec %
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	3,355,989	2,869,858	- 14.49	351,149	273,483	- 22.12
		Value $.	17,988,005	15,246,471	- 15.24	2,022,390	1,534,111	- 24.14
Salt (Revised)	Production	Tons	16,320	20,009	22.60	2,525	2,515	- .40
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	74,450,777	79,850,975	7.25	12,288,554	11,310,797	- 7.96
Propane	Production	Gallons	9,510,999	10,572,706	11.16	1,267,749	1,381,344	8.96
	Sales	Gallons	9,452,800	10,846,432	14.74	1,261,499	1,189,114	- 5.74
Butane	Production	Gallons	4,376,378	4,904,801	12.07	711,895	818,864	15.03
	Sales	Gallons	1,152,557	3,998,008	246.88	102,458	492,493	380.68
Sulphur	Production	Tons	11,525	12,761	10.72	1,138	1,416	24.43
	Sales	Tons	7,555	11,841	56.73	1,432	2,113	47.56
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,702,502	1,882,908	10.60	229,424	211,787	- 7.69
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	10,205,061	9,500,931	- 6.90	1,613,031	1,361,384	- 15.60
Cement	Production	Barrels	2,104,196	2,024,327	- 3.80	243,700	269,290	10.50
		Value $.	5,379,296	5,146,220	- 4.33	623,872	692,075	10.93
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	361,007	417,567	15.67	55,730	54,780	- 1.71
	Production	Tons	12,285	14,521*	18.20	1,675	2,121*	26.63
		Value $.	189,830	207,466*	9.29	26,895	30,033*	11.67

* Estimated

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

				1953 (Jan. - July)	1954 (Jan. - July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
						%			%
Petroleum	(1)	Production	Barrels	39,445,593	47,448,186	20.29	7,723,760	8,427,246	9.11
		Value of Sales	$.	94,656,831	125,183,944	32.25	19,858,611	23,136,398	16.51
Natural Gas	(1)	Production	M.C.F.	63,407,213	79,103,737	24.76	7,419,871	8,904,297	20.01
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2)	Imports	Gallons	37,600,680	38,259,108	1.75	5,829,626	7,151,020	22.67
		Exports	Gallons	992,551,213	1,464,390,309	47.54	202,646,584	238,911,573	17.90
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production	Gallons	393,473,533	401,191,701	1.96	63,605,737	63,862,622	.40
		Imports	Gallons	9,146,553	6,567,184	-28.20	1,814,974	973,433	-46.37
		Exports	Gallons	88,485,892	94,016,914	6.25	15,504,866	18,440,518	18.93
Natural Gasoline	(1)	Production	Barrels	343,214	376,217	9.62	43,383	44,855	3.39
		Value of Sales	$.	984,147	1,121,978	14.01	124,900	142,853	14.37

(1) SOURCE: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, July, 1954, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) SOURCE: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.-Aug.)	1954 (Jan.-Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	318,525,000	290,299,000	- 8.86	7,722,000	5,763,000	-25.37
		Value $.	12,741,000	11,612,000	- 8.86	308,900	230,500	-25.38
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products		$.	15,549,000	14,420,000	- 7.26	381,000	303,000	-20.47
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,355,284	987,877	-27.11	3,212	28,742	794.83
		Value $.	1,347,620	949,006	-29.58	21,880	29,472	34.70
Fisheries Production 3 Mos. (Jan.-March)		Lbs.	2,251,154	2,272,788	.96	-	-	-
		Value $.	272,196	392,266	44.11	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales☆	$.	367,432,171	347,883,789	- 5.32	42,181,510	41,250,280	- 2.21
Machinery, Agricultural	- Gross Sales☆	$.	47,234,012	31,112,339	-34.13	7,015,525	3,799,574	-45.84
Machinery, Other	- Gross Sales☆	$.	19,264,213	15,093,508	-21.65	2,325,214	1,868,302	-19.65
Bank Clearings		$.	2,579,092,910	2,810,717,614	8.98	322,989,418	422,241,767	30.73

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.-July)	1954 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (July)	1954 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Department Store Sales (1)		$.	52,445,000	52,702,000	.49	6,970,000	7,166,000	2.81
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	546,634,000	512,535,000	- 6.24	85,705,000	80,204,000	- 6.42
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	29,637	20,938	-29.35	3,909	2,577	-34.08
		Value $.	74,050,000	53,998,000	-27.08	9,580,000	6,787,000	-29.16
Bank Debits (4)		$.	5,131,110,000	5,260,879,000	2.53	820,950,000	763,258,000	- 7.03
Customs' Duty Receipts		$.	10,633,084	8,410,339	-20.91	1,661,402	1,306,743	-21.35
Electric Power	- Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	740,551,000	848,291,000	14.55	104,023,000	114,153,000	9.74

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVI, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 7, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
☆ Revised.

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954 COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1953 (Jan.-Aug.)	1954 (Jan.-Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	3,361	2,454	- 26.99	473	411	- 13.11
	Value $.	31,280,048	27,801,516	- 11.12	4,336,969	3,343,749	- 22.90
EDMONTON	Number	4,723	5,287	11.94	554	910	64.26
	Value $.	39,291,066	52,413,813	33.40	4,422,009	11,577,427	161.81
MEDICINE HAT	Number	327	327		42	52	23.81
	Value $.	2,259,350	1,717,949	- 23.96	342,900	271,750	- 20.75
LETHBRIDGE	Number	473	567	19.87	70	75	7.14
	Value $.	5,969,741	5,432,757	- 9.00	420,925	487,125	15.73
RED DEER	Number	247	223	- 9.72	38	34	- 10.53
	Value $.	2,316,350	1,770,300	- 23.57	245,950	175,600	- 28.60
DRUMHELLER	Number	45	43	- 4.45	5	4	- 20.00
	Value $.	84,545	286,723	239.14	2,595	1,980	- 23.70
WETASKIWIN	Number	102	91	- 10.79	14	11	- 21.43
	Value $.	1,142,540	448,030	- 60.79	42,350	20,345	- 51.96
TOTAL (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	9,278	8,992	- 3.08	1,195	1,497	25.17
	VALUE $.	82,343,640	89,871,088	9.14	9,813,698	15,877,976	61.79

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)		1953 (Jan.-Aug.)	1954 (Jan.-Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	4,667	3,415	- 26.83	812	813	.12
	Value $.	61,658,300	34,681,200	- 43.75	8,297,400	6,877,600	- 17.11
BUSINESS	Number	584	482	- 17.47	82	97	18.29
	Value $.	40,720,100	52,313,800	28.47	7,112,500	13,930,500	95.86
INDUSTRIAL	Number	74	57	- 22.97	9	8	- 11.11
	Value $.	5,061,400	22,380,600	342.18	564,000	181,100	- 67.89
ENGINEERING	Number	280	173	- 38.22	19	28	47.37
	Value $.	54,643,200	41,424,300	- 24.19	1,017,400	3,738,100	267.42
TOTAL	NUMBER	5,605	4,127	- 26.37	922	946	2.60
	VALUE $	162,083,000	150,799,900	- 6.96	16,991,300	24,727,300	45.53

(1) Source: Building Reporter, Sept. 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

SEPTEMBER AND NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan. - Sept.)	1954 (Jan. - Sept.)	9 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (September)	1954 (September)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Banff	584,631	564,622	- 3.42	71,747	68,967	- 3.88
Elk Island	166,173	148,382	-10.71	14,089	8,872	-37.03
Jasper	128,382	117,344	- 8.60	17,025	14,343	-15.75
Waterton Lakes	198,456	207,860	4.74	22,463	19,185	-14.59
TOTAL	1,077,642	1,038,208	- 3.66	125,324	111,367	-11.14

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Aug.)	1954 (Jan. - Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (August)	1954 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Aden	197	250	26.90	48	46	- 4.17
Carway	13,438	14,294	6.37	4,702	5,044	7.27
Chief Mountain	10,449	10,381	- .65	4,375	4,373	- .05
Coutts	28,833	29,585	2.61	6,273	6,351	1.24
Del Bonita	879	860	- 2.16	149	113	-24.16
Wild Horse	452	521	15.27	120	125	4.17
TOTAL	54,248	55,891	3.03	15,667	16,052	2.46

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

JULY - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,376,990	1,306,690	-	1,610,140	385,070	5,678,890
AA-	4,812,443	1,565,130	22,575*	914,375	48,510	7,317,883
B-	84,560	-	-	-	-	84,560
BB-	32,300	92,172	116,596	78,207	17,500	336,775
C-	1,258,478	325,107	265,717	330,942	-	2,180,244
G-	294,918	17,577	753,757	6,494,355	-	7,560,607
H-	5,473,814	1,057,706	241	929,617	-	7,461,378
J-	13,560,098	7,976,428	1,479*	3,509,485	258,860*	24,785,672
L-	928,270	-	-	-	-	928,270
M-	20,265	71,330	60,795	447,370	5,425	605,185
N-	5,129,915	684,565	-	751,975	192,535	6,758,990
O-	1,851	-	-	151,615	-	153,466
P-	10,702	-	-	-	-	10,702
TOTAL	33,984,604	13,096,705	1,173,052	15,218,081	390,180	63,862,622

* Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

AUGUST AND EIGHT MONTH PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1 9 5 3 (Jan.-Aug.)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-Aug.)	8 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (August)	1 9 5 4 (August)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	70,070,315	55,546,262	- 20.73	4,642,626	3,950,151	- 14.92
Boots and Shoes	1,836,194	1,621,206	- 11.71	235,673	184,013	- 21.92
Drugs	5,322,977	5,724,887	7.55	680,860	716,260	5.20
Dry Goods	8,184,321	7,399,852	- 9.59	1,005,869	902,971	- 10.23
Electrical Appliances and Radios	29,327,859	30,034,094	2.41	3,690,604	3,767,731	2.09
Florists (Revised)	199,982	187,565	- 6.21	9,853	8,107	- 17.72
Furniture	4,200,305	2,999,349	- 28.59	269,696	224,870	- 16.62
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	90,799,586	92,923,074	2.34	11,385,762	11,541,764	1.37
Hardware	44,548,681	37,662,622	- 15.46	6,653,123	5,273,765	- 20.73
Lumber and Building Supplies	31,080,317	31,574,185	1.59	4,132,841	5,064,854	22.55
Paints and Varnishes	6,106,974	6,065,007	- 0.69	673,163	670,604	- .38
Paper	6,727,144	6,601,063	- 1.88	906,641	1,047,437	15.53
Tobacco	12,357,893	12,735,297	3.05	1,584,058	1,595,399	.72
Oilfield Supplies	7,021,738	9,133,440	30.07	542,906	1,065,719	96.30
Carbonated Beverages	13,133,760	11,990,148	- 8.71	1,884,069	1,617,968	- 14.12
Miscellaneous	36,514,125	35,685,738	- 2.27	3,883,766	3,618,667	- 6.83
TOTAL	367,432,171	347,883,789	- 5.32	42,181,510	41,250,280	- 2.21
BY LOCATIONS						
Calgary (Revised)	88,916,678	83,685,236	- 5.88	10,425,888	10,864,246	4.20
Edmonton (Revised)	74,975,481	74,313,386	- .88	9,466,783	9,713,469	2.61
Lethbridge	12,267,488	12,342,297	.61	2,001,188	1,758,144	- 12.15
Medicine Hat	1,462,106	1,432,161	- 2.05	647,518	531,128	- 17.98
Smaller Centres	4,699,515	4,547,313	- 3.24	593,387	497,639	- 16.14
Major Cities - Not distributable by location (Revised)	185,110,903	171,563,396	- 7.32	19,046,746	17,885,654	- 6.10
TOTAL	367,432,171	347,883,789	- 5.32	42,181,510	41,250,280	- 2.21

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

JULY AND SEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1 9 5 3 (Jan.-July)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-July)	7 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (July)	1 9 5 4 (July)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
T O T A L - RETAIL TRADE	546,634,000(a)	512,535,000(a)	- 6.24	85,705,000(a)	80,204,000(a)	- 6.42
Grocery and Combination Store - -	66,789,000	70,472,000	5.51	10,004,000	11,168,000	11.64
Meat Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	7,797,000	8,033,000	3.03	1,198,000	1,248,000	4.17
Country General Stores - - - - -	33,640,000	33,690,000	.15	5,378,000	5,400,000	.41
Department Stores - - - - - - - -	52,452,000	52,702,000	.48	6,970,000	7,166,000	2.81
Variety Store - - - - - - - - - -	6,012,000	6,053,000	.68	1,024,000	1,056,000	3.13
Motor Vehicle Dealers - - - - - -	133,740,000	112,582,000	- 15.82	20,999,000	17,177,000	- 18.20
Garage and Filling Stations - - -	32,610,000	32,538,000	- .07	5,654,000	5,490,000	- 2.90
Men's Clothing Stores - - - - - -	8,201,000	7,733,000	- 5.71	1,122,000	1,033,000	- 7.93
Family Clothing Stores - - - - -	6,342,000	5,797,000	- 8.59	956,000	862,000	- 9.83
Women's Clothing Stores - - - - -	9,219,000	8,594,000	- 6.78	1,676,000	1,660,000	- .96
Shoe Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	3,130,000	3,045,000	- 2.72	482,000	469,000	- 2.70
Hardware Stores - - - - - - - - -	14,785,000	13,460,000	- 8.96	2,420,000	2,306,000	- 4.71
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	29,440,000	25,241,000	- 14.26	5,751,000	5,032,000	- 12.50
Furniture Store - - - - - - - - -	6,013,000	5,338,000	- 11.23	727,000	736,000	1.24
Appliances and Radio Stores - - -	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Restaurants - - - - - - - - - - -	22,550,000	19,446,000	- 13.77	4,252,000	3,745,000	- 11.92
Coal and Wood Dealers - - - - - -	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Drug Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	11,291,000	11,437,000	1.29	1,631,000	1,713,000	5.03
Jewellery Stores - - - - - - - -	3,673,000	(b)		596,000	(b)	
Tobacco Stores - - - - - - - - -	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
All Other Trades - - - - - - - -	87,335,000	82,218,000	- 5.86	13,442,000	12,050,000	- 10.36

(a) Any slight difference between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 7, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st August, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 8, August, 1954)

Employment in the Prairie region showed a further seasonal increase during July, almost entirely in the agricultural sector.

Employment trends continued to show considerable variation between industries, most of the year to year gains being in food, service and trade. The decrease in grain traffic from the first of the year has resulted in a year to year decrease of more than five thousand in the number employed by the railways. In addition, the drop in farm income has been reflected in a noticeable decrease in the volume of retail trade, although no corresponding employment decline has occurred in retail or wholesale trade.

During the month Calgary and Edmonton previously in the moderate labour surplus category moved into balance.

Calgary

A month of settled weather resulted in an upturn in construction and other outdoor activity. Employment was about three per cent higher than last year. Most labour requirements (exceptions - domestic service workers and stenographers) were met through a continued inflow of workers.

Edmonton

Increased building activity, particularly road and pipeline construction, accounted for most of the decrease in the available labour supply. The influx of workers into this area has been heavy, although the demand for labour was generally below last years levels. The area was in the shortage category at the beginning of August last year.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of August, 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At JULY 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	July 1 1953	July 1 1954	July 1 1953	July 1 1954	July 1 1954
			$	$	
Mining	113.8	104.8	71.93	74.58	18,249
Coal	61.3	46.7	57.12	55.26	3,772
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	183.5	180.1	77.24	79.71	11,122
Manufacturing	127.1	130.5	58.32	60.79	26,287
Food and Beverages	115.1	119.3	57.01	59.26	8,773
Meat Products	123.5	125.7	61.63	66.17	3,994
Wood Products	112.7	103.2	48.22	47.11	2,714
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	101.1	108.3	57.84	59.60	1,227
Iron and Steel Products	148.7	144.1	65.09	68.73	2,622
Transportation Equipment	162.8	134.5	60.27	60.97	3,979
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	113.9	146.0	55.11	55.04	2,297
Products of Petroleum and Coal	140.6	138.1	75.40	80.72	1,323
Construction	205.4	190.5	66.40	64.59	20,765
Buildings and Structures (k)	221.3	180.9	74,07	69.13	10,792
Highways, Bridges and Streets	185.6	202.1	56.00	59.68	9,973
Transportation, Storage, Communication	119.6	115.6	62.54	63.11	24,062
Steam Railways	110.5	102.3	67.19	66.11	13,686
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	140.2	139.3	60.10	64.81	3,560
Storage	113.3	113.1	51.62	53.13	2,640
Trade	124.4	126.9	50.16	52.19	25,276
Wholesale	127.9	127.6	53.59	56.36	8,722
Retail	123.4	126.5	48.19	49.99	16,554
Service	139.2	150.6	35.62	36.26	8,612
Hotels and Restaurants	140.9	156.0	33.88	34.75	6,292
Industrial Composite	131.3	130.4	59.18	59.84	130,843

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, July, 1954,
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, by Industries at JULY, 1954, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	July 1. 1953	July 1. 1954	July 1. 1953	July 1. 1954	July 1. 1954
			$	$	
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	124.0	120.0	62.39	64.00	9,032
Foods and Beverages	113.0	115.1	61.67	63.35	2,888
Transportation Equipment	154.3	125.5	61.60	63.71	2,296
Construction	176.0	178.7	57.77	66.40	3,523
Wholesale Trade	121.8	122.8	54.62	56.34	3,822
Retail Trade	119.8	125.8	49.64	50.79	6,309
Industrial Composite	130.1	132.6	55.93	58.32	32,434
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	143.0	149.4	58.29	62.10	11,065
Foods and Beverages	128.5	131.6	57.63	61.45	3,990
Meat Products	129.8	130.7	59.53	65.28	2,676
Construction	219.5	172.7	77.96	67.20	6,712
Wholesale Trade	140.0	140.9	52.41	56.15	3,545
Retail Trade	126.4	129.6	48.28	50.42	7,503
Industrial Composite	149.7	147.2	58.80	57.86	37,140

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, July, 1954.

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At JULY 1, 1954, As Compared With Corresponding Date In 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	July 1 1953	July 1 1954	July 1 1953	July 1 1954	July 1 1953	July 1 1954	July 1 1954
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	29.8	28.6	182.6	180.0	54.41	51.48	3,221
Oil and Natural Gas Production	43.6	41.4	166.5	171.2	72.59	70.88	3,795
Manufacturing	40.2	40.3	139.8	146.4	56.20	59.00	18,572
Foods and Beverages	39.3	39.5	136.2	144.5	53.53	57.08	5,891
Meat Products	38.5	40.2	148.6	156.6	57.21	62.95	2,870
Transportation Equipment	39.5	39.0	150.6	152.6	59.49	59.51	3,110
Buildings and Structures (h)	42.2	41.0	176.7	162.3	74.57	66.54	8,887
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	39.6	39.5	144.3	148.9	57.14	58.82	2,060
Service (j)	43.4	42.7	77.4	80.8	33.59	34.50	5,296

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, July 1, 1954.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, AUGUST 1, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	AUG.1 1954	Aug. 1 1953	AUG.1 1954	AUG.1 1953	AUG.1 1954 $	AUG. 1 1953 $
Newfoundland - - - - - - - - - - - - -	138.1	156.6	201.9	244.6	54.86	58.62
Prince Edward Island - - - - - - - - -	119.4	124.6	156.7	162.7	44.27	44.02
Nova Scotia - - - - - - - - - - - - -	99.9	104.2	132.8	134.5	49.73	48.26
New Brunswick - - - - - - - - - - - -	100.3	105.4	131.8	135.6	49.71	48.65
Quebec - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	110.8	114.0	152.3	150.4	56.43	54.43
Ontario - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	111.2	115.4	154.6	155.5	61.51	59.66
Manitoba - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	108.5	110.5	145.6	143.4	57.06	55.30
Saskatchewan - - - - - - - - - - - - -	127.3	123.3	175.0	165.1	56.92	55.49
Alberta- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	136.8	135.2	185.4	181.9	60.18	59.84
British Columbia - - - - - - - - - - -	111.4	114.2	157.7	159.5	64.62	63.83
Canada - Composite Index - - - - - -	112.1	115.6	155.0	155.3		
Canada - Manufacturing - - - - - - -	108.0	114.4	150.7	153.9	61.06	58.93
Canada - Composite Figure - - - - -	-	-	-	-	59.11	57.52

SOURCE: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.